Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Whether one trusts the CDC data at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/county-map.html?state=FL or the State of Florida Department of Health data at https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/#latest-stats or comprehensive data at http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/_partners/covid19_report_archive/county_reports_latest.pdf there can be little doubt that new records are being set at an alarming rate and there is a rise of COVID-19 cases across the state of Florida. These results are being monitored daily.

In the past week or so, the Florida daily total of new confirmed cases is as follows https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/#latest-stats

June 24 - 5511
June 25 - 5004
June 26 - 8942
June 27 - 9585
June 28 - 8530
June 29 - 5266
June 30 - 6093
July 1 - 6563
July 2 - 10,109

I am getting increasing inquiries seeking direction and fine-tuned answers. These are seldom easy, but I would like to offer some vocabulary that I have found helpful:

- **direct contact**—1st party exposure- When someone personally has had close contact (less than 6 feet) for 15 minutes or more of someone within 2 days of symptom onset and has received a positive result from a recognized medical authority
- **indirect contact**—2nd party exposure- When someone has been in contact with someone else who has been (or may have been in contact) with someone who has been tested and received a positive result from a recognized medical authority.
• **Probable exposure** - If exposed within 12 feet of someone who may be asymptomatic or someone with a cough, a temperature of 100.4 or higher, or someone who has been tested and has not received their laboratory results

• **At risk** - Initially the COVID-19 virus was seen to be targeting the elderly or persons with respiratory concerns. It is now an equal opportunity infector - children, teens, 20 somethings and all ages have experienced infection and deaths. Persons with health risks, compromised immune systems, or persons who are going to be in large crowds, inside closed areas or rooms, or spaces that are poorly ventilated still are exposed to significant risk.

SO… What do I do if…

**DIRECT CONTACT:** An active Clergyperson A has been presiding or preaching at an in-person worship service or someone (Person B) has been attending the in-person worship service congregation – and either tests positive with a laboratory confirmed result … **THOU SHALT…** Suspend in-person worship for a minimum of 2 weeks and deep clean the worship space and any other rooms/spaces exposed. Notify all persons in attendance that someone in the worship service that they attended has a positive COVID-19 test result and you recommend that they be tested asap to determine exposure. Please insure confidentiality and do not release the name of the person with a positive result for prayer or anything else. Please contact the Diocesan office for further guidance.

**INDIRECT CONTACT:** If Person A is attending in-person worship and has been in contact with Person B who has tested positive but Person B was not in attendance at the in-person worship service, what should they do? Person A should contact the church office and explain that they will be in self-quarantine for the next 14 days. Person A should be tested asap. Person A should contact persons whom they have been in recent contact and give a head’s up! There is no need for the church to suspend in-person worship or do any deep cleaning other than what has been previously recommended in Phase One and Phase guidelines.

**PROBABLE EXPOSURE or AT-RISK:** If there is a likelihood that you may have been exposed to someone (even if there is not a confirmed positive test result) or you are in one of the identified at-risk groups for COVID-19: Persons in this category should self-quarantine for an extended period of time. Periodic testing is recommended. Continue to observe recommended practices by your health care professionals.

As previously stated, each clergy, and each person on the Vestry/leadership team should be mindful of the impact of the COVID-19 virus on their specific congregation. Bishop Brewer is very mindful that each clergy person has their own tolerance for risk and is supportive of general guidelines (which the Diocese will publish from time to time) and specific choices that each Parish clergy will make for themselves and those that they serve. STH+
St Thomas Episcopal Church in Eustis is looking for a part-time secretary to work Monday-Thursday from 10:00a to 2:00p. Rate of pay $15/hr. To apply or for more information, send your resume to stthomasec@earthlink.net or by mail: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Attn: Diane Mullen, 317 S. Mary Street, Eustis, FL 32726

**COVID-19 Companions in Urgency 2020**

The Church in Honduras is in dire need. Most clergy are paid from the diocesan budget whose payroll for the Bishop, staff and mission clergy is about $35,000 per month.

*Donations of any amount can be made in these three ways:*

1. **Text "DCF Honduras" to "73256"** to donate via credit/debit card or bank account (Leave a space between "DCF" and "Honduras". Letters are not case sensitive.)
2. **Online via credit/debit card or bank account** – www.tinyurl.com/HondurasRelief
3. **Send a check made payable to "Diocese of Central Florida" Memo Line: "Honduras Relief"** Mail to: Diocese of Central Florida, 1017 E. Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801

It's about that time to make sure that you complete the paperwork for **PPP FORGIVENESS**

Below is a link to information prepared by the American Bankers Association (ABA) related to a new form that SBA has issued. This form is a shorter version for the forgiveness application if a borrower meets certain criteria. I hope you will find this information helpful.

**Earl Pickett, CFO/Diocesan Administrator, epickett@cfdiocese.org**

http://app.response.aba.com/e/es?s=1527&e=338345&elqTrackId=f1898f1fd73044ff87024479713a0a53&elq=0657ec3ec8c24d1ebf34944b6d7b664b&elqaid=23485&elqt=1

La Nora and I had an amazing time at our family reunion where we were joined by 3 of our 5 children and their families plus our niece and her family. We stayed at an amazing place right on the beach in Stuart, FL. It was pricey but amazingly equipped. If you are looking for someplace that can hold 20 or so- check it out! ([https://www.beachhousesinparadise.com](https://www.beachhousesinparadise.com))

And by the way if you know any other such places that you have gone for a large family outing, please share the contact information and I will pass it along to others who may be looking for such a get-a-way!
WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING IN JULY?

• First and foremost- the deadline for filing your income taxes (7/15/20) is rapidly approaching- have you completed your 1040 yet?

• Speak with your treasurer and make sure that you have the correct form for the PPP forgiveness- if not see page 3 of this Canon News for the latest information. YOU MUST FILE this paperwork to qualify for it to become a grant.

• The Episcopal Network for Stewardship T.E.N.S. has just posted information on their website for a Virtual Stewardship Option for the fall- you may want to check it out. The Diocese is a member so you can access the members options on tens.org by using our username (1Peter) and password (Four:10) Go to member resources- This 2020 password is good for this year only.

• Think about your Adult Education offerings for the fall- why not start working on weekly themes or outlines for your classes. Lay out your schedule for fall planning at least through Advent!

• Look ahead in the Lectionary- through July and August and rather than preaching from week to week and jumping around from subject to subject- dig deeply into the texts and plan a sermon series on the readings from Genesis- going from Isaac to Joseph or plow into the tough lessons in Matthew (Hint: think of costly discipleship!)

• Clean out some of the old clutter around the church! This is a great time to hire a couple of high school kids looking to make some extra money and put them to work cleaning out the storerooms, storage closets, give the parish kitchen a good deep clean and take everything out of the cupboards and scrub ‘em down. The kitchen crew will love you for this!

And finally as a follow up to joining our Bishop in the Walk of Mourning, Phyllis Bartle would like to have a roundtable discussion with folks in a conversation that might be a next step in answering the question of "what can we do?" to really facilitate whatever change might be needed with regard to our relationships with our brothers and sisters of color. Is there anyone else who might be up for this kind of discussion or sharing or whatever we might call it? I'd be willing to host a gathering here at St. Jude's but I'm not exactly centrally located or very big. I'm not envisioning anything formal but just a time of talking and listening.” Interested? Contact her at Email: phlealess@aol.com or call 407-492-1482.